Remarks

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application. Claims 11, 23 and 29 have been amended from the claims as amended in Applicant's Amendment under Article 34, filed on December 16, 2004. Support for the amended claims can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed, for example, at page 18, lines 3-9. No new matter enters by way of these amendments.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is in proper condition for entry in this application. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary.

Respectfully submitted

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408) Thomas E. Holsten (Reg. No. 46,098)

Date: December 21, 2004

ARNOLD & PORTER LLP Attn: IP Docketing 555 Twelfth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004-1206 (202) 942-5000 telephone (202) 942-5999 facsimile